

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 17, 2004, wherein the Examiner rejected the claims as failing to comply with the enablement requirement of the patent statute. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the use of the term "porosity" in that one of ordinary skill in the art would have confusion as to the use of that term. In response, applicant sent the attached facsimile communication of January 18, 2005 to the Examiner -- the attachments thereto defined the term "air porosity" as a well known term in the textile art that is used to measure the volume of air, in cubic feet, that will pass through a square foot of fabric in one minute. In conjunction with this communication, applicant conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner, also on January 18th ; after discussing the Examiner's concerns and the facsimile attachments, the Examiner advised applicant's counsel that she was withdrawing the enablement rejection and that both the specification and claim language should be amended to consistently use the term "air porosity." Accordingly, the specification, abstract and claims has been changed to use the "air porosity" language.

In view of the above, the application is now in condition for a substantive prior art examination.

Early and favorable action is requested.

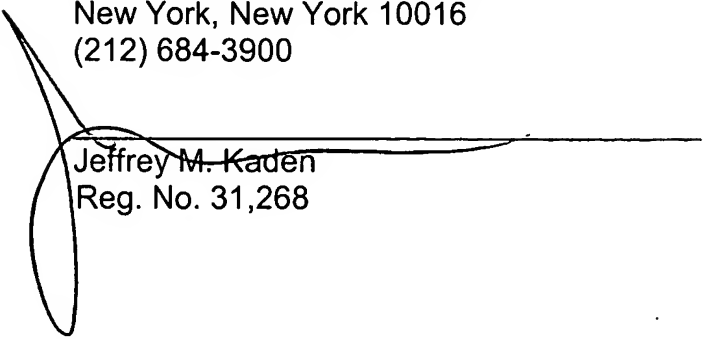
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